(b) The Council has proposals for establishment of KVKs in the remaining two districts of North Tripura and Dhalai.

(c) The establishment of new KVKs depends on the availability of adequate land and identification of suitable organization. A Site Selection Committee has examined the proposals received from the Government of Tripura for the remaining two districts and assessed the logistics available for establishment of the KVKs during the Tenth Plan.

Agricultural University in Tripura

359. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are going to set up an Agricultural University in Tripura; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Central Government is not contemplating setting up any Agricultural University in Tripura.

Agricultural performance

360. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite all natural advantages, India's productivity of foodgrains per hectare is no more than three-fourth of the world average and less than half of that in agriculturally advanced countries;

(b) whether only five States namely Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, produce more grains than their requirement and more than two-third of the population lives in States that are still food-deficit;

(c) if so, whether Government have made efforts to find the reasons for its poor agricultural performance; and

(d) the action Government proposed to take in this regard?